

## The State of New Hampshire

## Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin Commissioner

June 15, 2006

Germain Boire Colebrook Oil, Inc. 31 Colby Street. Colebrook, NH 03576

**LETTER OF DEFICIENCY# WSEB 06-051**Certified Mail# 7099 3400 0003 6156 4906

Subject: Colebrook – Colebrook Oil, Inc., Colby Street,

Open Floor Drain to the Environment (DES# 199404032)

Dear Mr. Boire:

The Department of Environmental Services (DES) received an EPA inspection report dated May 24, 2006, which documents that the subject facility has a floor drain open to the environment. Pursuant to NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 1503.04(c) of the *Groundwater Discharge Permit and Registration Rules*, and successor rules, it is unlawful to have a floor drain that discharges to the environment in any area(s) where regulated substances are used or stored.

DES believes the violation can be corrected and future violations prevented by taking <u>one</u> of the following actions by July 9, 2006:

- 1. Complete and submit to DES a pre-closure form to seal the floor drain exit with an impermeable material, such as concrete. Once the pre-closure form is approved by DES, close the drain and submit written confirmation of this action within 10 days of the date of the DES approval; or
- 2. Submit to DES for approval a schedule to reroute the discharges to the municipal sewer system (if available); or
- 3. Submit to DES for approval a schedule to reroute the discharges to a holding tank. (DES requires holding tanks to be registered.)

Enclosed, please find a <u>Floor Drain Pre-Closure Notification Form</u> and a <u>Holding Tank</u> <u>Registration Form</u> for your use. **By July 9, 2006**, please submit the Pre-Closure Form to close the drain(s), or a schedule to reroute discharges to either a holding tank or municipal sewer.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further enforcement action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies to be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

All correspondence and documentation as requested above should be addressed as follows:

Mitchell D. Locker
Department of Environmental Services
Water Supply Engineering Bureau
29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Please contact Mitchell Locker by e-mail at *mlocker@des.state.nh.us*, or by phone at (603) 271-2858, if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Sarah Pillsbury, P.G., Administrator Water Supply Engineering Bureau

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Floor Drain Pre-Closure Notification Form

Holding Tank Registration Form

cc w/o encl:

Gretchen R. Hamel, DES Legal Unit Administrator

Brandon Kernen, WSEB Colebrook Board of Selectmen

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